THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) World-class telecom services that are being provided to the consumer at a reasonable price include Basic Telephone Service, International Long Distance (ILD) Service, National Long Distance (NLD) Service, Cellular Mobile Telephone Service (CMTS), Internet Service, Very Small Aperture Terminal (VSAT) Service, Voice Mail Service/Audiotex/ Unified Messaging Service (VMS/Audiotex/UMS), Paging Service, Public Mobile RadioTrunked Service (PMRTS).

(c) to (e) 256 line exchanges and 512 line exchanges installed in rural areas are capable of providing world-class telecom services appropriate for those areas with progressive upgradation of features in line with requirements.

Working problem in internet connections

1624. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a problem in working of the internet connections from 256 and 565 line exchanges in rural areas due to non-availability of synchronization with other exchanges;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have taken any steps to provide synchronization in these exchanges and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) and (b) Yes Sir, The frequent disconnection of Internet connections may occur due to lack of synchronization.

(c) and (d) Yes Sir, 8684 number of 256 Line exchanges (C-DOT) and 954 number of 565 Line exchanges (SBM 512 P) have been identified for provisioning of synchronization. Out of these, 5017 of 256 Line exchanges (C-DOT) and t>82 of 565 Line exchanges (SBM 512 P) have already been

provided with necessary Network synchronization Equipment/card. The work in the remaining exchanges is in progress.

Purchase of Power Plants

1625. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether C.G.M.Telecom Store, Kolkata had purchased Power plants from Uptron Powertronics Ltd. and Shreetron India Ltd. for Jaipur circle, in June 2000;

(b) if so, the details of the expenditure incurred thereon;

(c) whether it is a fact that all the power plants supplied by these companies, were found to be defective and could not be commissioned; and

(d) if so, what action Government had taken against the suppliers and also their officials for not checking quality of the plants?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Chief General Manager Telecom Stores had purchased 60 Nos. of Power Plants from M/s Uptron Powertronics Ltd. and 24 Nos. of Power Plant from M/s Shreetron India Ltd. at the cost of Rs. 1.61 Crores and Rs. 64.69 lakhs respectively for Rajasthan Circle.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Action taken by the Department has been indicated in the attached Statement.

Statement

Action initiated by the Department of Telecommunications against the suppliers of Power Plants

1. On getting preliminary complaint from Rajasthan circle, the firm was instructed to attend/repairall the faulty power plants and get them tested by Quality Assurance/Acceptance Testing Wing.
2. Immediately on getting complaint form Rajasthan Circle, paying authority of Chief General Manager Telecom Stores stopped all payments to the firms.